

## YOUTH TEAM POLICY AND COVENANT FOR VOLUNTEERS UNDER AGE 18

### **Team Leaders and adult chaperones are responsible for their youth at all times**

We require at least one adult per three middle school youth or one adult per five high school youth at all times, i.e., on work sites, in the dorms and in the gym.

### **Clothing**

We are here for mutual sharing and work. Clothing should not detract from those purposes. We encourage the use of old clothes and shoes that can get dirt or paint on them. If a youth or adult wears clothing deemed to be inappropriate (revealing tops, shirts, blouses, shorts, pants, skirts or dresses or slogans or words with a non-Christian message), that individual will be asked to change into more appropriate clothing.

### **Controlled Substances**

Use of any alcohol, tobacco or drugs (except for prescribed medical purposes) will not be tolerated. All prescribed medications brought on campus must be in their original containers. Each team will have a designated adult chaperone to keep possession of and be responsible for the distribution of prescription medications for youth 18 years and younger.

### **Physical Contact**

Physical contact between youth and/or adults on the UMCOR Sager Brown campus or work sites will be limited to holding hands, touching the head or shoulders and/or a side-on hug of the shoulders. Further public displays of affection or acts of bullying or intimidation will not be tolerated. UMCOR Sager Brown has a "safe place" policy, and all volunteers must adhere accordingly.

### **Sleeping/Visiting**

Youth are allowed only in their assigned sleeping room. Visiting with others should take place in the lounges, Susanna Wesley room, gym, screened porch or outside.

### **Quiet Times**

To preserve orderly work and fellowship, quiet times of 10 p.m. to 6 a.m. and lights out at 11 p.m. will be strictly enforced. All team members are to be in their assigned sleeping room by 11 p.m.

*Youth teams may be sent home at the discretion of the director for violations of the above guidelines.*

### **Youth Team Member's Covenant**

As a participant of a mission team at UMCOR Sager Brown, I, the undersigned, will cooperate with the leaders of my team and UMCOR Sager Brown. I will involve myself with the activities offered. I will not bring any type of weapon(s), or use any alcohol, tobacco or drugs (except for prescribed medical purposes). I will act and speak in a way consistent with Christian values. I understand that if I do not comply, I will be told to leave the property and/or mission site of Sager Brown.

**Youth Team Member's Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**I have read the above and agree to abide by the UMCOR Sager Brown Youth Team Policy.**

**Parent's Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Team Leader Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_